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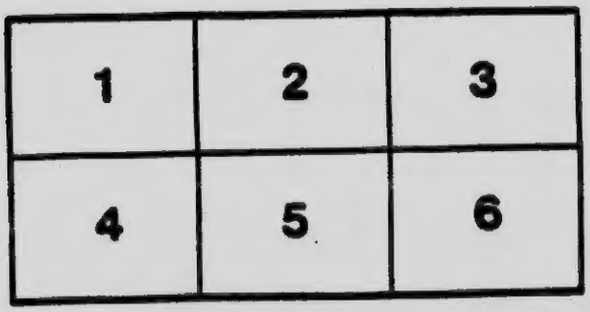

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CONSTITUTION
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NATIVE SONS

OF
BRITISH COLUMBIA

As Amended and Adopted by the
Grand Post, 20th July, 1913.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

GRAND POST
NATIVE SONS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

ARTICLE I.

NAME AND OBJECTS.

This Society shall be known as the Grand Post of the Native Sons of British Columbia, and shall consist of delegates elected from the various sub-posts under its jurisdiction. It shall have for its object the regulation of laws and secret work of the order.

ARTICLE II.

CONSTITUTION.

1. The Grand Post shall consist of the Officers, Standing Committees, Delegates, and Past Chief Factors from the various sub-posts under its jurisdiction. The delegates shall be elected at least two months prior to the date of meeting of the Grand Post.

2. The representatives shall bring credentials signed by the Chief Factor and Recording Secretary certifying that they have been elected by and empowered to act for their respective Sub-Posts, and all Sub-Posts shall be clear on the books of the Grand Post before their representatives can take their seats.

3. The titles of the Officers of the Grand Post shall be as follows:—

Grand Factor
Grand Vice-Factor
Grand Chaplain
Grand Historian.
Grand Treasurer
Grand Secretary.

ARTICLE III.

FUNCTIONS OF THE GRAND POST.

The functions of the Grand Post shall be:

(a) To make regulations and rules for its own government and the election of its Officers.

(b) To enact a code of general laws for the government of Sub-Posts.

(c) To adopt a system of financial arbitration for the settlement of any disputes which may arise among the Sub-Posts and members thereof.

(d) To provide and furnish dispensations, emblems of uniform designs, certificates and paraphernalia required by the Sub-Posts, and a uniform initiation for all Sub-Posts.

(e) To provide for the distribution of passwords and the establishment of Sub-Posts throughout the Province of British Columbia where the same have not been instituted, and,

To provide a revenue to meet the current expenses by means of a per capita tax upon each Sub-Post within its jurisdiction.

ARTICLE IV.

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT.

1. The Officers of the Grand Post for the time being shall constitute the Committee of Management, and shall be known as the Grand Lodge Executive, whose duty it shall be to enforce the laws and resolutions adopted at the Annual Grand Meeting, and shall have authority to suspend from the Order any Sub-Post that may wilfully violate or refuse compliance with such laws and regulations made and adopted at the Annual Grand Meeting, but the accused shall in all cases have a hearing in their cause why such Sub-Post should not be suspended, receiving thirty-one days' notice of the time and place of such hearing by registered letter.

2. Suspensions from the Order shall take place for such a length of time as they may refuse to comply with the said laws and regulations and decisions.

3. The Grand Post shall supply such goods as are required by Sub-Posts, and the profit on such goods shall not exceed 20 per cent. of their cost price, provided each Sub-Post shall be at liberty to purchase such goods as it may require up to an amount not exceeding $10.00 in any month.

ARTICLE V.

ELECTIONS.

1. The Grand Post Officers shall be nominated and elected at each session by secret ballot, a majority of all votes being necessary to a choice. In case of a tie, voting shall continue until a choice is made. The name of the brother receiving the lowest number of votes shall be withdrawn after each balloting.

2. The Grand Factor must be a Past Chief Factor of a Sub-Post. The Grand Secretary, Grand Chaplain, Grand Historian, and Grand Treasurer shall be elected and continue in office during the pleasure of the Grand Post.

ARTICLE VI.

TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING.

The meetings of the Grand Post shall be held in such place, and at such time as shall be decided upon at the preceding session of the Grand Post.

ARTICLE VII.

REPRESENTATION.

1. Each Sub-Post shall be allowed one representative by virtue of its Charter, and one additional representative for every fifty members thereafter or fraction thereof.

2. Representatives and their alternates shall be

elected from among the membership of each Post until such time as sufficient Past Officers shall be eligible for the office of Representative.

3. Each Officer and Representative upon attendance at the Annual Grand Meeting shall receive actual travelling expenses in going to and from such meeting by the shortest possible route. Any officer or delegate absenting himself before the close of the Annual Grand Meeting without leave of the Grand Factor shall forfeit his mileage.

4. Delegates shall appear in regalia and shall present proper credentials in accordance with Art. II., Sec. 2, or be fined the sum of $5.00. Any delegate absent on first call of the Roll shall be fined the sum of $1.50, illness or urgent business excepted, when a written excuse shall be sent the Grand Factor. A like fine shall govern the adjourned meeting of the Grand Post.

5. All fines for late or absent officers or delegates shall be charged the Post to which they belong. Every delegate is required to vote or will be counted in the affirmative.

6. Any Past Chief Factor who is not a delegate may have a seat in the Grand Post, but shall not be entitled to a vote.

7. District Deputy Grand Factors in attendance at Grand Post meetings shall be entitled to vote.

ARTICLE VIII.

SUSPENSIONS AND CONDITIONS OF REINSTATEMENT.

1. Should any Post become suspended for violation of rules, laws, or regulations, for non-compliance with the decision of final Arbitration Committee, it shall, during such suspension, forfeit any rights or privileges of the Order. In the event of a suspended Post desiring to be reinstated, it shall first comply with the rules, laws and regulations or decisions for which it was suspended, and further

shall pay all back levies and assessments due from the date of its suspension.

ARTICLE IX.

COMMITTEES.

1. The Grand Factor shall appoint the following Committees at each Grand Session:—

(1) Committee on Credentials and Expenses of Delegates.

(2) Committee on Arbitration and Appeal.

(3) Standing Committee on Laws and Printing.

(4) Committee on Finance and State of the Order.

2. Each Committee shall consist of three members with the exception of the Arbitration and Appeal Committees, which shall consist of seven members.

3. Any vacancy occurring in a Committee through death, suspension, expulsion, or absence from the Province shall be filled up by the Grand Factor.

ARTICLE X.

ARBITRATION.

1. The Grand Factor, or in his absence, the Grand Vice-Factor, shall preside over all meetings of the Arbitration and Appeal Committee, and Grand Secretary shall attend and take the minutes thereof, they shall have no vote, the casting vote of the Grand Factor, when necessary, excepted.

2. Should the Grand Factor or Grand Vice-Factor be interested in any case of Arbitration or Appeal or betlong to the Post appealing or appealed against, Committee shall appoint others from among themselves who are not interested in the case; the Chairman so appointed shall have a casting vote only when necessary.

3. No case can be adjudicated unless a quorum of five members are present, nor unless thirty-one clear days' notice in writing of the time and hearing

has been served through the Recording Secretary of the Sub-Post. Such notice shall be by a prepaid return registered letter.

ARTICLE XI.

DISPENSATION.

1. A dispensation to open a Post of Native Sons shall on the application of twenty male persons or more be granted upon payment of the sum of $10.00.

2. Applicants must be of good moral character and born within the Province of British Columbia, or its boundaries as at present defined, and of the full age of eighteen years. The cost of Ritual necessary is included with the dispensation.

ARTICLE XII.

AUDITORS.

The Finance Committee appointed at the Annual Meeting shall audit and report at the same meeting of the Grand Post upon the books of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer.

ARTICLE XIII.

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTIONS, BY-LAWS OR RULES.

Any subordinate Post desirous of amending the Constitution of, or any by-law or rule governing Sub-Posts must first pass such amendment, which shall then be signed by the Chief Factor and Recording Secretary, and true copies thereof transmitted at the same time to the Grand Secretary and each Sub-Post at least two months prior to the Grand Post Meeting for sanction by the Committee on Laws and ratification by the Grand Post.

ARTICLE XIV.

DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS.—GRAND FACTOR.

1. The Grand Factor shall preside over all meet-

ings, appoint a District Deputy Grand Factor for each District, act impartially on all occasions, enforce all fines for infraction of laws, sign all cheques and open new Sub-Posts, or appoint a qualified substitute. He shall have a casting vote when the meeting is evenly divided. The decisions of the Grand Factor on all doubtful questions that may arise and on questions not clearly defined shall stand until reversed by the Annual Grand Meeting or the Arbitration Committee. The Grand Factor shall visit each Post at least once a year. The actual travelling expenses by shortest route, together with salary of $3.00 per diem, shall be paid by the Grand Post while on business connected with the Order.

VICE-GRAND FACTOR.

The Vice-Grand Factor shall assist the Grand Factor in preserving order, and, in his absence, preside in his stead. He shall act in conjunction with the Grand Sentinel in admitting members.

GRAND SECRETARY.

The Grand Secretary shall keep true and faithful accounts of the proceedings of each meeting, attend to all communications and answer the same, keeping a copy of all letters sent by him. He shall notify each Sub-Post of the per capita tax or other charges due by it, collect same and forward such sum to the Grand Treasurer immediately upon receipt of same. In his possession shall remain the various saleable properties of the Grand Post. He shall produce a Balance Sheet annually or be fined $5.00. The salary of the Grand Secretary shall be as determined by the Grand Post.

GRAND TREASURER.

4. The Grand Treasurer shall attend all meetings, receive and pay all moneys on receipt of an order signed by the Grand Factor and Secretary. He shall balance his cash accounts quarterly and supply the Secretary with a duplicate thereof, stating

the balance he has on hand. He shall, when required by the Grand Factor, assign and deliver all books, papers or property of or belonging to the Grand Post in his hands or custody.

5. It shall be the duty of the Grand Chaplain to administer the obligation.

6. The duty of the Grand Historian shall be to collect and preserve all data relative to the early history of the Province and its pioneers.

7. A Sentinel shall be appointed at the commencement of each session of the Grand Post by the Grand Factor from the delegates in attendance not already officers of the Grand Post. He shall have charge of the outer door and see that no unprivileged person gains access to the meetings.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Opening Ceremony.
2. Appointment of Committee on Credentials and Travelling Expenses.
3. Committee's Report on Credentials.
4. Introduction of New Delegates.
5. Reading of Minutes of Last Meeting.
6. Reading of Communications.
7. Report of Grand Factor.
9. Appointment of Committee on Distribution.
10. Grand Secretary's Report.
11. Grand Treasurer's Report.
12. Report of District Deputies.
13. Appointment of Sub-Committees.
14. Report of Sub-Committees.
15. Report of Other Committees.
16. Deferred Business.
17. New Business.
18. Election of Officers.
19. Installation of Officers.
20. Good of the Order.
21. Closing Ceremony.

RULES

GOVERNING

ARBITRATION COMMITTEE.

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1. Committee shall meet at the call of the Grand Factor or by call of the Grand Secretary whenever any question may come up for its consideration.

2. Whenever any complaint shall be received by the Grand Secretary he shall furnish each of the Committee with a true copy of same within five days of the date of the receipt thereof.

3. Within ten days after the posting of such copies of complaint the meeting of Committee shall be held.

4. Within forty-eight hours of the receipt of a complaint from any member or Sub-Post the Grand Secretary shall make a copy of same for the member or Post complained against and forward same to him or it.

5. The complaint shall be taken up at the meeting of the Committee which shall be called by the Grand Factor or Grand Secretary at a time and place to be appointed by either of them, and the member or Post lodging such complaint shall then himself or through his or its representative furnish all evidence he or it may have in support of such complaint and the member or post complained against shall be allowed to put in evid[illegible]e in defence; the complaining party shall be a[illegible]berty to reply and the Committee after hearing such evidence shall give its decision, which shall be duly communicated by the Grand Secretary to the members or Post interested.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

NATIVE SONS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

ARTICLE I.

1. The name of this Society shall be "The Native Sons of British Columbia," with appropriate Post number added.

2. The objects are mutual benefit, mental improvement, and social intercourse; to perpetuate and cherish in the minds of all native sons the memories of "The Pioneers." To unite all worthy sons of British Columbia in one harmonious body, to improve the condition of its members by encouragement in business and otherwise aiding them obtaining employment.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERSHIP.

1. Every male person over eighteen years of age, born in that portion of Canada now known as British Columbia, shall be eligible as an ordinary member of this Post. Every Pioneer whose arrival in the Province of British Columbia was precedent to the 31st day of December, 1875, shall be eligible as an Associate Member and entitled to all the rights and privileges of this Society other than and except to vote or ballot at any meeting of the Society, and hold office, and shall comply with such rules and regulations of the Sub-Post to which application for Associate Membership is made, and shall be exempt from the payment of all dues and assessments.

ARTICLE III.

OFFICERS.

1. The affairs of the Post shall be managed by

its officers, consisting of a Chief Factor, Vice-Factor, a Chaplain and Historian, a Treasurer, a Financial Secretary, a Recording Secretary, an Inside Sentinel, an Outside Sentinel, an Auditor, and the Board of Trustees. All the officers shall be elected annually by secret ballot as provided by the By-laws of the Subordinate Posts.

ARTICLE IV.

AMENDMENTS.

Any subordinate Posts desirous of amending the constitution of, or any by-law or rule governing Sub-Posts must first pass such amendment, which shall then be signed by the Chief Factor and Recording Secretary and true copies thereof transmitted at the same time to the Grand Secretary and each Sub-Post at least two months prior to the Grand Post's meeting for sanction by the Committee on Laws and ratification by the Grand Post.

BY-LAWS

OF

SUBORDINATE POSTS

ARTICLE I.

MEMBERSHIP.

1. The ordinary membership of the Society shall be confined to male persons over the age of eighteen years, born in that part of Canada now known as the Province of British Columbia.

2. The Associate Membership of the Society shall be confined to those pioneers whose arrival in the Province is precedent to the 31st day of December, A. D. 1875; Associate Members to have such rights and privileges as defined in Sec. 2 of Article II. of the Constitution.

good moral character and industrious habits, having some respectable means of support and believing in the existence of a Supreme Being.

3. All the applicants for membership must be of good moral character and industrious habits, having some respectable means of support and believing in the existence of a Supreme Being.

4. Application for membership must be in writing, signed by the applicant, stating date and place of birth, occupation and place of residence, and the applicant must be recommended by two members of the Society in good standing.

5. All applications shall be read at a regular meeting of the Society, entered on the minutes, and referred to a committee of investigation to be appointed by the presiding officer as such meeting, who shall enquire into and report at the next regular meeting of the Society as to the character and fitness of the applicant to become a member. If the report be unfavorable the applicant shall be

declared rejected; if the report be favorable a ballot shall be taken and three black balls shall be sufficient to repect; when rejected a new application cannot be considered for a period of six months.

6. No ballots shall be taken until all information supplied the Committee shall have been investigated.

7. No application can be withdrawn after the report of the Committee.

8. On good cause the election of a candidate may be rescinded before initiation.

9. If any person fails (except for good cause) to appear for initiation within six months after his election such election shall be null and void.

10. All members present and entitled to vote must vote on the election of candidates to membership unless excused by the Presiding Officer.

ARTICLE II.

MEETINGS.

1. The regular meetings of the Society shall be ehld at least once a month at the meeting place of tho Post.

2. Special meetings may be called by the Chief Factor at his discretion, and must be called upon the written request of any five members in good standing, and the Recording Secretary shall notify the members thereof in time to render their presence possible.

3. No business shall be transacted at a special meeting other than that for which it may have been called.

4. The meetings of the Society shall be presided over by the Chief Factor, and in his absence by the Vice-Factor or Chaplain, and in their absence by the Senior Past Chief Factor present, and in his absence any member in good standing may be called upon to preside by a majority of those present.

ARTICLE III.

OFFICERS.

1. The Officers of the respective Posts shall be a Chief Factor, Vice-Factor, a Chaplain, an Historian, a Treasurer, a Financial Secretary, Recording Secretary, an Inside Sentinel, an Outside Sentinel, an Auditor, and the Board of Trustees.

2. At the expiration of the Chief Factor's term of office he shall be duly installed as a Past Chief Factor (except on the first election of officers when he shall be elected). He shall administer the installation service for the officers elected for each term and instruct the members in the secret work of the Post.

ARTICLE IV.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

1. After the first election of officers, nomination and election of officers (which takes place at the same time and on same ballot) shall be held on last regular meeting night of each year, and by secret ballot, a majority of all votes being necessary to a choice. In case of a tie, the voting shall continue until a choice is made. The name of the brother receiving the lowest number of votes shall be withdrawn after each balloting. Nomination to cease with the first ballot.

2. When an officer or officers are to be elected, the Chief Factor shall appoint three Scrutineers to conduct the election. The ballot box shall be placed in front of the Chief Factor, and as the roll is called by the Financial Secretary each member entitled to vote shall respond as his name is called and then deposit his ballot.

3. Vacancies may be filled by nomination and election as above prescribed, at any regular meeting.

4. The Past Chief Factor shall act as Installing Officer, and installation shall take place at the first regular meeting in January.

ARTICLE V.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

1. The Chief Factor shall preside at the meetings of the Post, preserve order, countersign all cheques drawn by the Treasurer for payment of audited accounts, and sign all other papers ordered by the Post; have general supervising power over the Society; see that officers perform their duty; enforce the constitution, by-laws and rules of the Order; appoint all committees not otherwise provided for; give the casting vote in case of a tie; examine and announce the result of all balloting and all other votes; direct the Recording Secretary to call special meetings when applied for in writing by five members. He shall not make or second any motion, nor take part in any debate while in the chair. At the regular meeting after his installation he shall appoint all necessary standing committees. He shall further appoint a Visiting Committee, consisting of six members, whose duties shall be to visit any brother sick or in distress.

2. The Vice-Factor shall perform the duties of the Chief Factor in his absence or inability.

3. The Recording Secretary shall keep a correct account of the proceedings of the Post in a book to be kept for that purpose. He shall record a brief synopsis of all bonds executed by officers of the Post. He shall furnish the members of investigating committees with copies of all applications. He shall keep a correct record of votes cast at all elections. He shall notify candidates for membership in writing of their election or rejection, and members of their suspension, expulsion or acceptance of resignation. He shall report to the Financial Secretary immediately the reinstatement, names of all rejected candidates, and suspension of a member. He shall be the custodian of and keep all papers and documents of the Society ready for inspection at any time, other than the bonds, which shall be

in the custody of the Past Chief Factor; notify the members of special meetings when ordered by the Chief Factor, and within one week after his term expires deliver to his successor all books and papers, together with all other property of the Society in his possession.

4. The Financial Secretary shall keep a record book showing the names of members, when admitted, when and where born or where birth is registered, their place of residence, collect their dues and all other moneys due the Post; keep a regular account thereof and at each meeting pay the same to the Treasurer, take his receipts and retain them as vouchers in settlement; notify all members when in arrears for four months, and on the night of election furnish the presiding officer with the list of members not entitled to vote. At the end of his term he shall make a report showing the number of members elected, re-elected, initiated, suspended, reinstated, withdrawn, resigned, expelled and deceased, with dates and occupation, the number of contributing members, the amount of receipts, amount expended and the amount on hand, and within one week after his term expires deliver to his successor all books and papers, together with all other property of the Post in his possession.

5. The Treasurer shall receive, receipt for and disburse all monies belonging to the Post, and keep a regular account thereof. He shall deposit the money in such chartered bank as the Post may determine. He shall draw all cheques in payment of monies due by the Post and the said cheques shall be countersigned by the Chief Factor and the Treasurer. He shall keep an account of all properties, investments and funds of the Post, which shall at all times be open for inspection, and at the end of his term make a report and furnish the Recording Secretary with all information necessary to enable him to prepare his report. Prior to his installation he shall give a joint and several bond, payable to the Chief

Factor and Vice-Factor, in trust for the Post, in such sums as the Post may require, with two good and sufficient sureties, or in lieu thereof the bond of some guarantee society approved by the officers. At the end of his term and at each monthly meeting, he shall make a report showing his receipts, disbursements, and the amount on hand, and deliver his books, papers and money to his successor in office within one week after the expiration of his term.

6. The Trustees shall make and call in loans of the Post's funds when so directed, and shall fix the remuneration of the paid officers; shall insure and keep insured against fire all the property of the Post and shall, with the Chief Factor, exercise a general supervision over all the affairs of the Post.

7. The Chaplain shall administer all obligations

8. The Historian shall collect and preserve all data relating to the early record of our Province and its pioneers and relics pertaining thereto.

9. The Inside Sentinel shall have charge of the inner door and shall not allow anyone to enter or retire during the opening, closing or initiatory ceremony unless directed by the Chief Factor.

10. The Outside Sentinel shall have charge of the outside door and anteroom and shall not allow anyone to enter without giving the password unless directed by the presiding officer.

11. The Auditor shall examine the books and vouchers of the Society and present a written report as to the same to the Society at the first meeting in January of each and every year.

ARTICLE VI.

FEES AND DUES.

1. The initiation fee shall be $5.00, to accompany the application for membership, and which sum shall be forfeited to the Post if applicant does not present himself for initiation within six months of

election, and the monthly dues shall be not less than 25 cents, payable in advance every four months.

2. Members $1.00 in arrears for dues are not entitled to the password or a vote in the Post nor shall they be eligible to office.

3. A member who becomes indebted to the Post in the sum of $3.00 shall be liable to suspension.

4. In suspending a member the following procedure must be strictly observed:

(a) The member liable to suspension must be notified in writing by the Financial Secretary of the amount due by him to the Post and of the fact that on a date named in the notice he will be liable to suspension. Such notice must be served at least one month prior to the time of his suspension by the Post.

(c) Such notice shall be given by mailing it under prepaid return registered letter to his last known address.

(c) The Financial Secretary serving such notice shall use blank notices from a book having a stub, on which he shall make a record of the date and manner of service.

(d) At the next meeting after the date named in the notice of the time of liability to suspension or any subsequent meeting, the Financial Secretary shall announce that the said member is liable to suspension and such announcement shall be recorded in the minutes, together with the fact that the member is still indebted to the Post in the sum of $3.00 or more.

(e) The presiding officer shall thereupon declare the member suspended from membership and the member shall stand suspended from membership.

5. A suspended member desiring to be reinstated shall make a written application which shall then be acted upon as in the case of a new application. After

payment of all demands against him, he may, upon the report of the investigating committee, be reinstated by a two-thirds vote of all members present and voting, which voting shall be taken by ballot.

6. Members suspended for non-payment of dues shall not be liable for dues, fines or assessments during their suspension.

ARTICLE VII.

RESIGNATIONS.

1. A member may resign upon paying all demands against him. His resignation must be in writing.

WITHDRAWALS.

2. Withdrawal cards may be granted upon the payment of 50 cents to members who are clear on the books according to law, by majority vote, by ballot of the members present when the application is made. Such withdrawal card to be deposited within two months of date thereof in another Post upon payment of 50 cents.

ABSENTEES.

3. A member absenting himself from the city in which his Post is located for twelve months or more shall pay dues at the rate of $1.50 per year during such absence, provided said member notifies the Financial Secretary of his Post of the date of leaving the city and his return thereto.

ARTICLE VIII.

AMENDMENTS.

The subordinate Posts shall at all times have power to add to, amend, alter or rescind these by-laws or any part thereof at any regular meeting on a two-thirds majority vote of those present, provided, however, that any subordinate Post desirious of so doing must first pass such amendments, which shall be signed by the Chief Factor and the Recording

Secretary, and true copies thereof transmitted at the same time to the Grand Secretary and each Sub-Post at least two months prior to the Grand Post meeting for sanction by the Committee on Laws and ratification by the Grand Post.

ARTICLE IX.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Opening Ceremonies.
2. Roll Call of Officers.
3. Reading Minutes of Last Meeting.
4. Communications Read.
5. Accounts Presented.
6. Applications for Membership.
7. Reports of Investigating Committees.
8. Balloting for Candidates.
9. Initiations.
10. Recess for Congratulations and for Collection of Dues and Fines.
11. New Business.
12. Reports of Committees.
13. Reports of Officers.
14. Reports of Visiting Committees.
15. Unfinished Business.
16. Good and Welfare.
17. Closing Ceremonies.

ARTICLE X.

PENALTIES.

1. Members absent from the regular annual election may be fined 50 cents unless a sufficient excuse is given either in person or writing within thirty days after said election.

2. Should any member disregard the authority of the presiding officer by persisting in using improper language or conducting himself in a disorderly manner the presiding officer may fine such member or the Post may inflict such punishment as the nature of the offence may require.

3. Any member who shall knowingly propose an unworthy candidate, or who shall be guilty of habitual drunkenness or of wilfully deceiving a member of the Post, or who shall divulge (except to a member) any of the proceedings of the Post required of him to be kept private, or the name of any person who opposes the admission of a candidate, or who shall violate his obligations, shall be fined, reprimanded, suspended or expelled as a two-thirds majority of the members present at a special meeting of the Post held for that purpose may determine.

4. Any member accepting an appointment on a committee and failing to attend to the duties of the same shall be fined 50 cents, unless sufficient excuse is given.

5. Any officer absenting himself for three consecutive regular meetings (except in case of sickness or absence from the city), or any officer for misconduct or neglect, may be removed from office by a two-thirds majority of the members voting at the next meeting after a resolution to that effect has been presented.

6. Initiatory officers absent from initiation shall be fined $1.00 except in case of sickness or absence from the city.

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